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**PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT**

Commissioner for Patents  
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Sir:

Prior to examination of the present application, Applicant respectfully requests that the above-identified prior application be amended as follows:

**BRIEF DESCRIPTION OF THE DRAWINGS:**

Please amend the specification as indicated. The changes are shown explicitly in the attached "Version with Markings to Show Changes Made."

Replace the following paragraph on page 3, beginning on line 8 and ending on line 9, with following:

FIGS. 5A and 5B are block diagrams showing synchronous and asynchronous control operations;

**REMARKS**

Applicant respectfully requests that the foregoing amendments be made prior to examination of the present application.

Respectfully submitted,

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[FIG. 5 is a block diagram] FIGS. 5A and 5B are block diagrams showing synchronous and asynchronous control operations;